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FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

Yearly Meeting of Women Friends,

HELD IN

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At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the Thirteenth of Fifth Month to the Seventeenth of the same inclusive.

Second Day—Morning.

Reports from all our Quarterly Meetings were received, and the Representatives therein named being called, were all present except eight; for the absence of five satisfactory reasons were given. Most of the reports mentioned that the Extracts had been received and distributed.

The following Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read: For Mary B. Needles, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Maryland; Rachel C. Tilton, and her husband, Mellis Tilton, from Shrewsbury Monthly Meeting, held at Shrewsbury, New Jersey; Eleanor Bowerman, from West Lake Monthly Meeting, held at Bloomfield, Canada; also for Phebe W. Cornell, an elder, and companion for Eleanor Bowerman, from Rochester Monthly Meeting, New York.

Epistles from our sisters from New York Indiana and Baltimore Yearly Meetings were read to our comfort. Many lively testimonies were borne to the excellence of these, giving evidence that when these Epistles are writ-

ten under a right concern, they strengthen the same precious feeling wherever met.

A committee was appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, also to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve as Treasurer.

The Representatives were requested to meet at the close of the meeting and propose the names of two suitable Friends to serve as Clerks the present year.

Afternoon.

Susan Carroll, on behalf of the Representatives, reported they met and were united in proposing for the consideration of the meeting the name of Martha Mellor for Clerk, and Jane D. Satterthwait for Assistant Clerk. Their report being approved they were appointed to that service the present year.

Minutes for our friends, John B. Needles, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Maryland, and Samuel M. Janney, from Goose Creek Monthly Meeting, Virginia, were received from Men's Meeting and read.

Instructive Epistles from Genesee, Illinois and Ohio Yearly Meetings were read.

To essay replies, as way may open, to our sisters with whom we correspond, a committee was appointed.

With the opening of the morning session, the desire was expressed, with much feeling, that we might know a getting down into true silence in prayer to our Heavenly Father to keep and prepare each one for the service that may come before us. In remembrance of those who have been wont to meet with us, but who are now no more, impressive testimonies were borne, and the

silent aspiration felt that their mantle might rest upon others to the blessing of the church.

Third Day—Morning.

The first, second and third queries with their answers were read, and brought forth many lively exercises.

Afternoon.

The remaining queries and answers were read. Also the first and second Annual Queries.

In entering upon the state of our Society many lively testimonies were borne in relation to the necessity of a more faithful attendance of our mid-week meetings. If we come together feeling the need of Divine help, our meetings will be blessed, and we shall know of being baptized into that oneness in Christ which is the power of God, even though no word be spoken.

Mothers were feelingly encouraged to fulfill their duty, in the faith that the seed sown will bring forth fruit to the honor of Truth. Our dear young sisters were affectionately entreated to remember the tender care bestowed upon them in their early youth, and show their appreciation of it by acts of dedication and faithfulness. Especially were the subjects in the third query impressed upon us, with the earnest desire that we might weigh well the meaning of plainness of speech and apparel. The injurious effects of unprofitable reading, the example we should set to the world of moderation in all things, the abstaining from everything that would intoxicate or cause a brother to stumble, as well as our most precious testimony to the free Gospel of Jesus Christ, were weightily considered.

Fourth Day—Morning.

An interesting report from the Committee on Education was read, and the labors of the Committee were approved.

The committee appointed to examine the account of Esther Bancroft, Treasurer, reported they found it correct. They propose the name of Abigail W. White as Treasurer. The meeting uniting therein, she was appointed to the service.

Afternoon.

Our friend Anna Singley, opened a concern to visit Men's Meeting. Much unity was expressed and she was encouraged to faithfulness.

A memorial of Abigail Bernard, from Fallowfield Monthly Meeting of Friends was read.

An Epistle to our sisters of Baltimore Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

To those who feel their many weaknesses the language of encouragement was given, to be faithful in little things and thus strength would be known, enabling them to fulfill higher duties.

The attention of the meeting was drawn to what is meant by the word hireling, that it was not receiving a salary merely.

The reading of the memorial of Abigail Bernard drew forth several corroborative testimonies to the purity of her long and useful life, which exemplified the help, she acknowledged to the world, as having been received alone from her Heavenly Father, and the same will be our strength if rightly sought for.

In a feeling of love, mothers and those interested for the young, were encouraged to hold faithfully our testimony in regard to peace, and to watch carefully the seed sown in the minds of the children, by not putting before them toys of a military character, and that we encourage in them a feeling of love and tenderness to all creatures having life.

Fifth Day—Afternoon.

The Friends appointed last year to deliver the address to Lucy Webb Hayes, the wife of the President, reported they had performed the duty, and they felt that the object of the visit was appreciated.

An acceptable visit was received from Robert Hatton, who appealed earnestly to the mothers that they should not allow their natural affection to prevent them from being faithful in their duty to their tender offspring in very early years, as impressions are then made more firmly than at any other time. They were encouraged to practice the children in that silent waiting which is profitable for instruction.

Epistles for our sisters of Indiana, Ohio, Genesee and Illinois Yearly Meetings were read, and after some slight alteration approved.

A memorial of our friend, William Haines, from Woodbury Monthly Meeting, was read.

Sixth Day—Morning.

An epistle for our sisters of New York Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

Information was received from Men's Meeting that the Report of the Committee on Education had been united with, and the Committee continued, in which judgment

our meeting concurred. Mary S. Lippincott was released at her own request, and the name of Edith W. Atlee was added to the Committee.

A memorial of our friend Jonah Kelly, from North West Fork Monthly Meeting, Maryland, was read.

Afternoon.

A portion of the minutes of the Representative Committee or Meeting for Sufferings, was read; also, a very interesting report from the Committee having charge of the Indians. The meeting united with the continuance of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

A testimony of Fallowfield Monthly Meeting, concerning our friend, Joseph S. Walton, an Elder, was read.

The Representatives were encouraged to present to their respective meetings any exercises which may have impressed their minds during the session of the Yearly Meeting.

Most tenderly were mothers, wives and sisters entreated to perform their part faithfully in their own homes and wherever they may be placed.

The precious covering that pervaded the several sittings of the meeting was greatly appreciated, and it was felt that the silent prayers of many had been blessed openly.

Grateful for the favor of again mingling together in our annual gathering, we separated to meet again next year, if so permitted.

MARTHA MELLOR,
Clerk.